



The Arizona State Veteran Home Chatter

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Veteran of the month

Please join me in congratulating our Veteran of the Month, Mr. Gerald Todd, who we know affectionately as "Todd." Mr. Todd was born in Wapello, a farming town in Iowa with about 7,000 people.

Growing up in a small farming community, Mr. Todd had plenty of opportunities for mischief. One of their favorite pranks was moving the outhouses. They would move the entire outhouse so that the door would open directly into the pit. If it was dark, or you weren't careful, you would fall in! They had an ongoing rivalry with a nearby town. Mr. Todd also enjoyed weenie roasts with his friends, down by the sandbar. He completed 10th grade in school in Wapello.

Mr. Todd enlisted in the military in 1953, at the age of 18. He joined the Air Force, and worked with explosives. Since he carried a top secret clearance, he was also assigned duties as a classified materials courier. Perhaps because of this, Mr. Todd talks little of his military career, except to say that he spent time in Europe, the Middle East, and China. Mr. Todd spent 23 years in the military in total.

Mr. Todd has been married to his wife, Doris, for 54-55 years. The two of them had two children: Angela and Gerald. Angela and Gerald were raised overseas in Europe, when Mr. Todd was stationed over there. Both children spent time in Berlin before the Berlin wall came down, and now his daughter has a brick from the wall. One summer in high school, his son Gerald traveled all over Germany with some friends.

Mr. Todd loved living in Europe and said there were opportunities to see many fine museums and drink lots of different wine. Now, his daughter Angela speaks seventeen languages! Sadly, his son, Gerald Jr. died of cancer. Mr. Todd describes that as the worst thing a parent ever has to go through.

When asked about any advice he would give, Mr. Todd says that any advice would be based on his own opinions, and that would be wrong. He says to "be true to yourself." He also says to "travel while you're young," and values his military career for the time spent traveling the world.

We are so grateful to have Mr. Todd at the Arizona State Veteran Home. He enjoys doing word search puzzles, playing bingo, and watching sports. He is a friendly face, and is always cheerful with other veterans and staff. He is a great story teller, so stop by and visit him next time you are here at the home.

Congratulations Mr. Todd!



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Veterans' / Members Birthdays

Harvey Morrison	02/01		John A Bradley	02/13
Flora L Rambo	02/02		John P Barnby	02/14
Leroy A Myers	02/04		Harold Skoglund	02/15
Frank J Cuba	02/06		Mike G Machanian	02/17
Jose Conchos	02/07		Mary L Full	02/18
Charles D Jacoby	02/07		Lloyd G Raymond	02/18
Lloyd G Whiteman	02/09		Herman Colter	02/19
Margaret L Holcombe	02/11		Robert D Hough	02/20
Louise Imbastaro	02/12		James C Whitman	02/25
Sybil G Oslund	02/12			

Activities / Events

- 2/1 10:00 a.m. Crafts Works C-2 / 3:30 p.m. Canteen Foray / 4:30 p.m. Sing-A-Long D-2
- 2/2 11:00 a.m. Neighborhood Council (all units)
- 2/3 10:00 a.m. Park Walks C-2 / 11:00 a.m. Rosary Liberty Hall / 5:00 p.m. Phoenix Boys Choir Concert (Indian School Steele Park)
- 2/4 10:45 a.m. Concert Leon Littleton D-2 / 3:30 p.m. Fish Fry (sign up)
- 2/5 10:00 a.m. Two Card Bingo D-2 / 11:00 a.m. HOV Pet Visits
- 2/7 10:00 a.m. Coffee House with Dick Moore D-2 / 2:15 p.m. Sun City Elks Bingo D-2
- 2/8 10:00 a.m. Valentine Craftworks C-2 / 3:30 p.m. Canteen Foray
- 2/9 11:00 a.m. Beauty School Drop Out C-2
- 2/10 2:15 p.m. Bingo D-2 / 3:30 p.m. Bowling C-2
- 2/14 10:00 a.m. American Legion Sing-A-Long D-2 / 2:15 p.m. Phoenix Elks Bingo D-2
- 2/15 8:30 a.m. Apache Junction Bingo Outing (sign up) / 10:00 a.m. Music group D-2
- 2/16 2:15 p.m. Food Committee C-2
- 2/17 2:15 p.m. Bingo C-2 / 3:30 p.m. Bowling D-2
- 2/18 3:30 p.m. Fish Fry Phoenix West Elks
- 2/21 2:15 p.m. Concert Leon Littleton D-2 / 7:00 p.m. Late Night Bingo D-2
- 2/23 10:00 a.m. Drum Circle D-2 / 2:15 p.m. Monthly Birthday Party Featuring Silver Fox Tap Dancers D-2
- 2/25 9:00 a.m. Fishing Trip (Sign Up) / 10:45 a.m. Concert Harold Riffer/ 11:30 a.m. Concert Jay Farris D-1
- 2/27 NASCAR Outing! (Sign Up)

Please see each units calendar for a more detailed calendar of events!

Administrator's Corner

The Home has seen many changes in administration over the past fifteen years. I have committed to the staff that I will remain at the home for a minimum of ten years and have asked that they join me in improving how we deliver care for our Veterans and Members. First, the Home is hiring ten additional certified nurse assistants and four registered nurses. We will take care to hire the right people. Veterans and Members have earned the right to live at the Home and it is our responsibility to provide good care.

You also have an opportunity to assist us in my goal to improve how we deliver our health care. I am looking for two family members willing to be active participants in our quality assurance meetings. These meetings examine our operating systems and areas where we need improvement. The next meeting will be held in April. If you are interested in participating and can make a dedicated commitment to be actively involved for a year, please contact Doris Pless, the Director of Quality Assurance, at 602-263-1825.

To those of you who wish to meet with me, and I invite you to do so, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant Candy at 602-351-6879. Candy will schedule an appointment that meets your scheduling needs so we can speak. I would like to hear what your experiences have been at the Home and what we can do to improve.

Sincerely,

Colleen

Taps

Abelardo Bingachea

Norman Weeks

Arthur Kind

Julis Kornblatt

Charles Hunt

Ecleaster Black

Andrew Zurick

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Ruth Jacoby



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